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City of Charleston Breaks Ground on Municipal Golf Course Renovation

Charleston, **S.C.**—This afternoon, Mayor John Tecklenburg, Golf Course Architect Troy Miller, representatives of Friends of the Muni, members of City Council and the Municipal Golf Course Commission, and community leaders broke ground on the Charleston Municipal Golf Course Renovation, the first major upgrade to the course in nearly six decades.

The renovation of the 18-hole course is intended to enhance the quality of playing conditions through extensive drainage projects, reshaped and expanded tee, green, and fairway surfaces, and a tree management program that will promote the health of the course's turf. Additional features will be reworked to ensure that the course is maintainable, aesthetically appealing, and playable for golfers of all skill levels.

The renovation plan, created by Troy Miller of Miller Golf Design, will be carried out "one nine at a time" in order to maintain the course's functionality throughout the construction phase. Work will begin on the back nine holes, during which time the front nine and driving range are expected to remain in operation.

NMP Golf Construction Corp. has been awarded the bid for course construction, which is expected to cost \$2,038,535.68 and be completed by 2021.

In addition to city funds, recreation bond proceeds and money raised through a private fundraising campaign chaired by Friends of the Muni president and former Kiawah Island developer Leonard Long will be used to fund the project.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "The Charleston Municipal Golf Course is one of our city's most beloved public spaces, and I'm pleased to officially kick off this much-anticipated renovation to ensure that many generations to come will have the opportunity to experience its charm."

To learn more about Friends of the Muni and stay updated on fundraising and events, visit www.friendsofthemuni.com.

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